



IN THE CLAIMS:

1-27 **(Canceled).**

28. **(Cancel).**

29. **(Previously presented)** A method of operating an internal combustion engine with a valve train for a cam-actuated lifting valve, including the step of hydraulically reopening the lifting valve at least once after a mechanical lifting phase performed by the cam has ceased.

30. **(Previously presented)** A method of operating an internal combustion engine with a valve train for a cam-actuated lifting valve, including the steps of alternately mechanically and hydraulically determining lifts of subsequent charge exchange processes.

31-34. **(Cancel).**